

# Wayne Allard

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## **SENATOR ALLARD GOES TO BAT FOR FOUNTAIN CREEK FUNDING**

### *Allard effort to provide funding began in 2000*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said Thursday that he has requested funding for the Fountain Creek Watershed Study in the FY 2006 Senate Energy and Water Appropriations bill.

“This appropriations request was made in March. It is near the top of my list of energy and water funding priorities, and has been for several years,” Senator Allard said. “As a member of the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, I think we have a good chance of getting the funding again this year.”

“I have a longstanding involvement with this project, and have sought federal support for it since the major flooding that occurred in 1999, causing approximately \$100 million in damages,” Senator Allard said. “What is needed is a detailed analysis of flood control, erosion and sedimentation in the Fountain Creek watershed, and I believe it warrants environmental restoration on a regional scale, addressing the 150 miles of Fountain Creek and its tributaries.”

“My office has been in constant contact with the Army Corps of Engineers, urging them to move this study along,” the Senator said. “The Corps has re-programmed an additional \$200,000 toward completion of the study this year.”

“To adequately address this problem, the study needs to focus on not only Colorado Springs, but the area of southern Colorado that has been adversely impacted, as well,” the Senator said.

Senator Allard already has obtained more than \$1.061 million in funding for the project to date.

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